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Fish Catch of Foreign Countries.

The value of all kinds of fish landed in Scotland during December last amounted to 112,766 pounds. The total value for the twelve months ending December 31st amounted to 2,306,966 pounds. Of this sum the value of herrings was 1,017,587. The quantity of fish landed was 7,946,598 cwt.

The annual catch of codfish in Newfoundland and Labrador waters by Newfoundland fishermen is roundly 1,250,000 qtls.—a million quintals on the Newfoundland coast and a quarter of a million on the Labrador. Last year the shore catch was 850,000 qtls. and the Labrador 250,000—150,000 qtls. short. The estimated value of the catch for 1904 was \$5,160,000.—Fishing Gazette.

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NOT GLOUCESTER CRAFT.

Sch. Arbutus Reported Ashore on Cape Shore.

Probably Nova Scotia Vessel Engaged in Haddocking.

A press dispatch from Yarmouth, N. S., on Saturday stated that the fishing schooner Arbutus had been stranded at Abbos Harbor and that a steamer with steam pumps had been down to her and had returned, being unable to render any assistance. It is thought here that the vessel in question is not the schooner Arbutus of this port which is engaged in fresh halibutting, being spoken recently on the Grand Banks but that it is a craft engaged in fresh fishing on the Cape Shore and which hails from somewhere in the vicinity of Yarmouth, N. S.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Admiral Dewey, Fortune Bay, 400 bbls. frozen herring.
Sch. Cavalier, via Boston.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Electric Flash, Fortune Bay, N. F.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. George H. Lubee, haddocking.
Sch. Latona, haddocking.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

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Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.15; medium cod, \$1.75; all cod caught to the eastward of L'Anse-au-Loup, \$2.15; medium \$1.75; cusk, \$1.50; Eastern haddock, \$1; Western haddock, \$1.15; hake, 90 cts.; Eastern hake, 90 cts.; Western hake, 95 cts.; pollock, 70c; snap per codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 40 cts.

Outside sales salt Georges cod, \$5.50 per cwt. for large and \$5.00 for mediums.

Outside sales fresh hake, \$1.00.
Bank halibut, 11 cts. per pound for white and 9 cts. for gray.

Boston.

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 2000 cod.
Sch. Triumph, 600 cod.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Independence II., was at Halifax on Saturday.

Schs. Lottie G. Merchant and Blanche were at Vineyard Haven on Saturday.

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ENDS RECIPROCITY WORK.

President Stops Negotiations in Hay-Bond and Other Treaties.

Premier Bond Says That Former Treaty Is Not Acceptable.

A despatch from Washington says that the president has decided to discontinue all attempts to form reciprocity treaties with any foreign power. This means that the Hay-Bond treaty with Newfoundland will not go through. This likewise applies to any attempt at a trade treaty with Canada.

The president is convinced that it is perfectly useless to discuss trade treaties of any sort while the senate continues in its present frame of mind. Word has been received that Premier Bond of Newfoundland would not accept the treaty as it is modified by the senate.

The plan had been considered lately that a tentative understanding should be arrived at with Premier Laurier, by means of a conference between him and Senator Fairbanks of Indiana, the vice-president-elect, the conference to be held in May, at Boston, looking to a re-opening of the trade treaty with Canada.

It appears now that any attempt to arrange trade relations with Canada will be dropped. Secretary Hay has impressed upon the president the fact that to negotiate a trade treaty of any sort would be a waste of time.

AT CAPE PORPOISE.

Several of the Shore Fishing Fleet Frozen In.

As was stated in the TIMES of Saturday, several vessels of the shore fishing fleet are frozen in at Cape Porpoise. Among the crafts held fast by the ice there are schs. James S. Steele of this port, Richard J. Nunan, Sadie M. Nunan, Mildred V. Nunan, Sylvia M. Nunan and Olive F. Hutchins of Cape Porpoise and sch. Kernwood of Boston. The sloop Lewis Totman and several other fishing crafts are also frozen in there.

Returned from New York.

Schs. Blanche, Arkona and Lottie G. Merchant have arrived from New York, after completing the discharge of their cargoes of frozen herring.

MCINTIRE'S DOGFISH BILL.

Passed Second Reading in House Yesterday.

The bill of Representative McIntire calling for an appropriation of \$2000 for gathering statistics relative to the amount of damage done to food fishes by the depredations has been favorably reported by the committee on ways and means. The bill has already been passed by the senate and on Monday it will come before the house for its third reading. It is expected that it will pass without any trouble and will then go to the governor for his signature.

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HARBOR ICE BOUND.

People Walked All Over Ice Field Yesterday.

Wharf Piles Encased in Layers Inches Thick.

The harbor was frozen completely over almost from one end to the other yesterday, the only open spaces being near the Cut bridge, where the swift current passing through the canal kept the water in perpetual motion, and out beyond Ten Pound Island and to the mouth of the harbor. The section of the harbor inside the line from the inner edge of Ten Pound Island clear across to both shores was a frozen and solid mass of ice.

Outside of Ten Pound Island, along the Niles beach and eastern shore, the ice is solid out to the breakwater whence it made a slanting line to the promontory on Stage Fort park.

As it is a little bit warmer this morning, it is hoped that the warm wave will continue and break up the ice and then if an easterly warm wind comes it will not only drive it out of the harbor but will eat up the ice very rapidly.

Hundreds of people were seen walking along the ice field yesterday and several women were of the party. There were groups of from five to 20 people, who made the pilgrimage over the ice, and they seemed to enjoy the novel situation. Many people slipped and fell, but sustained no serious injury.

One little fellow who was on the ice in Harbor Cove midway between the fort and hall-but wharves was caught on a large cake of ice around which some water had formed. His cries of distress attracted a large number of other people who were on the ice, and they hastened to the relief of the youngster, who was crying bitterly as he thought his last hour had come.

Some of the relief party carried poles with which they tested the ice as they advanced, and found that it was strong enough to hold them right up to the little patch of open water. After much persuasion the little fellow was induced to make the jump from the cake of ice to the more solid mass, when he was eagerly seized by those at the edge and hauled to safety. A shout of triumph went up from the party as the boy reached a place of safety and he was escorted up the harbor by his rescuers.

Four vessels arrived since last night, but they were kept outside the belt line over night, the crew coming ashore on the ice.

For the four days up to Saturday, the men at the Ten Pound island fish hatchery were unable to launch their dory at the usual place near the station, but had to carry the dory

to the other end of the island and then row across the harbor and land at Half Moon Beach.

Sch. Blanche, one of the arrivals last night, was towed up to her berth this morning at Steele's wharf, the tug breaking a passage for the vessel through the ice.

Sch. Arkona, coal laden, also arrived last night and an effort is being made today to tow her up to Boynton's wharf to unload her cargo.

The ice in sections of Harbor Cove is fully two feet thick.

Capt. William H. Collins, who has had much experience on the sea in all kinds of weather, predicts that if this cold snap holds another three days, the whole bay will be frozen from Cape Ann to Salem harbor. Capt. Collins says that for a long distance outside the ice belt there is a line of slush fully two feet thick.

This morning the tugs broke out the channel along up the inner harbor for quite a distance.

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ASHORE AND FLOATED.

Sch. Ramona Grounded Near Chatham Bar Saturday.

With Life Savers' Assistance, Vessel Came Off Uninjured.

Sch. Ramona, of this port, Capt. James Graham, with a crew of 13 men, went ashore off Chatham bar on Saturday night, and was later floated undamaged, and sailed yesterday morning.

On account of a heavy northwest gale, several vessels sought safe anchorages under Chatham beach. One of them, sch. Ramona, anchored too close in, and at low water grounded on Chatham bar about a mile south of the Chatham life saving station.

Signals for assistance were displayed, which were promptly responded to by Keeper Eldredge and crew, who soon reached the vessel and succeeded in floating her at 7 o'clock in the evening.

The schooner came north from the direction of the Nantucket fishing grounds, and after getting by Pollock rip made a long tack inshore, evidently with the intention of anchoring under the land, as the westerly gale was too strong to permit rounding Cape Cod.

The life savers of both the Chatham and Monomoy stations watched her carefully, and as she neared the shore endeavored to warn her off. Their signals, however, either were not seen or disregarded, for she suddenly brought up on the bar about 4.30 o'clock. The life savers reached the schooner about 5 o'clock. They made the trip safely. The weather was bitterly cold.

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STILL ICE BOUND.

Heavy Floe Yet Holds Harbor in Close Embrace.

Revenue Cutter Will Release Vessels at Cape Porpoise.

The ice king still holds Gloucester harbor in its grasp. As on yesterday, the floe extends out beyond Ten Pound island, while the Eastern Point and Pavilion beach shores are also lined with ice field of considerable thickness.

The upper part of the inner harbor is practically out of commission, the ice where it has not been broken, being 20 inches in thickness and in some of the docks where the ice has been broken, the great cakes have been forced under and over each other until in some places the ice is fully six feet thick.

The tug Nellie went down to the lower harbor this morning, and she had considerable work getting through the floe.

Sch. Slade Gorton came in early this morning and anchored outside of Ten Pound island, being unable to get up any further on account of the ice. Her big fare of haddock was sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company, and the towboats will have quite a job getting her up to that wharf through the heavy ice.

The steamer City of Gloucester had some difficulty in getting out of her dock, and did not get away until after 7 o'clock.

Several of the market boats, which have been hibernating in the outer harbor, have shifted and are now running in at Marblehead. Last night schs. Teresa and Alice, Dixie, Sarah, Rapidan and E. A. Hooper harbored there.

The United States revenue cutter Woodbury will leave Portland this morning for Cape Porpoise, where she will make an attempt to release the schooners that have been ice bound for the past week. There are seven or eight vessels in the ice bound fleet there, and without doubt the Woodbury will be able to aid them in getting out into clear water.

The Woodbury has been doing splendid work during the winter in releasing ice bound

vessels along the eastern coast of Maine and it is probable that she will be able to free the vessels now held in the trip of the ice at Cape Porpoise.

The steamer Britannia, at St. John's, N. F., 15 days from Newcastle, reports having encountered hurricanes throughout the voyage, her decks being swept, bridge smashed, lifeboats damaged and much gear demolished. She reports heavy ice floes extending 300 miles seaward beyond the eastern edge of the Grand banks.

The steamer Ulunda, 12 days from Liverpool, also encountered terrible weather, but sustained no damage. She reports a vast ice field off the coast.

The entire harbor at Provincetown enclosed by Long Point, with a belt of sea extending from Long Point End, half a mile east, is free from ice, but danger from an ice invasion was never more pronounced. The immense ice tongue that has been stretching northerly from the parent field at the head of the bay for the past three days and lain along the whole eastern shore of the bay since Friday noon is slowly curling around at the Bangsville shore and promises to soon cover the entire harbor.

Schs. Minerva, Bertha M. Miller, Nellie Adams, Sea Fox, Emilia Enos, Fanny W. Freeman, Rose Cabral, Esther Gray, and one or two other big haddocks hove up anchors hastily and fled to the wharves, where the 60 or more 10 and 20 tonners of the dragging fleet had preceded them. Nearly 100 gasoline dories and all the sailing fishing boats have been run up on the main beach, where most

of the lot have been hauled high and dry by working gangs to escape a possible crushing.

Sch. Gov. Russell wisely escaped the harbor yesterday morning, and started seaward, unwilling to take chances in the harbor.

Not Frozen In.

A dispatch to Mr. William A. King from Capt. George Tufts of sch. Maryland, now at Yarmouth, N. S., state that while there is ice there, the vessel is not frozen in, and can get out at any time. Bad weather alone has prevented her from sailing.

PILOT BOAT ASHORE.

Varuna Carried on Devil's Back by Ice Floe.

The pilot boat Varuna, No. 4, went aground on Devil's Back, in Broad Sound, Boston harbor, yesterday afternoon, and when she fetched up, headed south and heeled over a little.

She listed sharply to port, and the tug Starline went to her assistance and would probably make an attempt of floating her on last night's tide. The Stony Beach life savers have gone to her assistance.

She was bound down from National dock in East Boston yesterday morning to take her station off Hull, and it is thought she was forced on Devil's Back by the heavy ice, as has been the case of some fishing schooners this winter.

CARRIED AWAY BOWSPRIT

Sch. Monarch Struck Blizzard on Maine Coast.

Partly crippled and with anchors and windlass buried under tons of ice, sch. Monarch of this port was towed into Boston yesterday by tug Leader, with loss of bowsprit, which was whipped out by a giant sea at 5 o'clock last Saturday afternoon, 15 miles off Mt. Desert. The craft was homeward bound at the time with 65,000 pounds of haddock and 2000 of cod. It was some time before the crew had cleared the wreckage from the bowsprit, when the foresail, jumbo, jig and a riding sail in lieu of the mainsail were set, with which the vessel jogged home. The accident happened during the northwest blizzard.

SALT STEAMER ARRIVES.

Freda Brings 2700 Tons from Ivica, Spain.

The steamer Freda arrived here this morning from the island of Ivica, off the coast of Spain, after a passage of 27 days with 2700 tons of salt. Fred Bradley will handle the cargo.

The steamer was unable to come inside Ten Pound island on account of the ice field and anchored just inside the breakwater.

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Sch. Irene and May, 30,000 haddock 2000 cod.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 12,000 haddock, 500 cod, 400 hake.

Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 30,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 4000 hake.

Haddock, \$2.25 to \$5; large cod, \$5 to \$6; market cod, \$4 to \$5; hake, \$3 to \$3.50.

EXCEPTIONALLY LOW TIDE.

One of Lowest Ever Known Here Came This Morning.

One of the lowest tides ever known in this harbor occurred this morning, many captains and close observers saying that it was the very lowest they ever observed here.

With so much ice in the harbor the lowness of the water was not noticed as much as if the harbor had been free of it, but a glance at the wharves and docks showed that the fall was indeed remarkable.

ON THURSDAY.

Case of Seized Schooner Samoset Will Be Heard.

The case against the Boston fishing schooner Samoset, which was seized at Sidney, C. B., last September, will come up for a hearing next Thursday in the admiralty court at Halifax. The 36 barrels of salted mackerel will be sold at Halifax.

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